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Judge allows pirate operation to keep broadcasting
 HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) A pirate gospel radio station based in Bloomfield will be allowed to remain on the air for now.

Prayze FM, which has been broadcasting at 105.3 FM without a license since November of 1996, was given the break Thursday by U.S. Magistrate Thomas Smith.

Smith opted not to order the station to sign off immediately. But it was unclear how long the station would be allowed to continue broadcasts without a license.

Station owner Mark Blake and his lawyers said the station will try to obtain a temporary license.

Previously U.S. District Senior Judge Warren W. Eginton on Sept. 11 had ordered the station to shut down until it receives a license from the Federal Communications Commission.

The station operators used a simple antenna, several CD players and an electronic sound board to broadcast the music and local advertisements
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Date: September 25, 1998 at 20:20:04
 From: Mr. Joseph D'Alessandro,
 Subject: Legalize LPFM Michigan

Dear Chairman Kennard:
 Dear Commissioners:

Might Consider NPRM, ASAP, Before The State Of Michigan Legalize's LPFM
 BROADCAST SERVICE:

Date: Thursday, September 24, 1998 9:58 AM
 >Subject: Resolution introduced today!!!

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>>Friends,

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>>As one of his last acts as a State Representative, John Freeman will
 >>introduce our resolution today!!! His office called yesterday with the
 >great

>>news. It is being introduced into committee even as I write this, and
 many

>>others are expected to co-sponsor. We're told the Michigan Music Campaign
 >>did an "excellent" job of lobbying, and that there is quite a buzz about
 >the
 >>Resolution.

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>>The resolution urges the FCC to relegalize community radio, in case you
 did

>>not know. We feel the resolution is our silver bullet -- since all FCC
 regs

>>must be based on the public interest, how will the NAB be able to argue
 >they

>>are right and the State of Michigan is wrong? This resolution is the
 >>official voice of the Michigan public, and it says the public wants
 >>legalization!

>>

>>Today, Thursday Sept. 24 is, however, the last day in session for the
 >House.

>>What that means is unclear: does Freeman expect this will clear the
 >>committee and make it to the floor for a vote in a single day? Or, by
 >>introducing it now, is he trying to give us a head start for the next
 >>session of the House? We really don't know. This all came up so suddenly,
 >>that everyone has more questions than answers.

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>>What we do know is that John Freeman is one of the best friends musicians
 >>have ever had in government. Remember, he was a big part of last year's
 >MMWC

>>Campaign Town Meeting. He is being forced out because of term limits this
 >>year, and will apparently be taking employment out of state.

>>

>>Also, tonight we meet with Atty Patrick Edwards about suing the FCC.
 >>Edwards, so far, has kept four unlicensed stations in Metro Detroit on
 the

>>air. About a month ago he won the amazing court victory with Rev.
 >>Strawcutter; essentially a replay of the recent Free Radio Berkley case

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>>except this time the good guys won.

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>>There's so much more happening, all good, good, good, but everyone is

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>>rushing around here. However, I have to let you know about WUPX, who is
>>pretty sure they are going to make the EIGHT-HOUR drive from the Upper
>>Peninsula to be at Radio Rendezvous. Now THAT'S what I call commitment to
>>Michigan music!

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>>Se everyone Sat. (and some tonight).

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>Friends,

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>>We just heard, just moments ago, that Sen. DeBeaussiaert has co-introduced
>>the Resolution in the Senate!!!

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>>We're still waiting to find out what this will all mean by the end of the
>>day. Will keep you posted.

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>>BTW, Sue and I spent a couple hours stuffing envelopes at

>>DeBeaussiaert/Bonior's campaign office last night (Bob's been doing it,
>too).

>>It actually was a lot of fun! We worked side by side with DeBeaussiaert's
>>wife and key staff members, along with the Bonior aide who's been of such
>>huge assistance these last months. And it doesn't seem to have HURT our
>>cause any. If others want to help, they need volunteers Mon-Thurs night
>call

>>810-468-5512. DeBeaussiaert has a very tough race this year, and he's been
>>very good to the Michigan Music Campaign (along with Freeman, he attended
>>last year's Town Meeting, for one thing).

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>>Will keep you posted about the Res.

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Date: September 26, 1998
From: Mr. Joseph D'Alessandro
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302-945-1554
Subject: Michigan Resolution:

(from the Michigan Legislature Journal of the House [September 24, 1998])

Reps. Freeman, Baade, Ciaramitaro, Kelly, Tesanovich, Profit, Dobronski, Prusi, Gubow, Kukuk, Bodem, godchaux, Leland, Olshove, Harder, Hale, Brater, Parks, Anthony, Scranton, Schermesser, Martinez, Kilpatrick, Bogardus, Jelinek, Scott, DeHart, Basham, Willard, Baird, Murphy, Birkholz, Richner, LaForge, Quarles, Hanley, Cherry and Varga offered the following resolution:

House Resolution no. 379.

A resolution to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting.

Whereas, For many years, low power radio stations filled a unique niche in the communications needs of local communities. These operations, which used less than 100 watts of power, were licensed as Class D FM stations; and

Whereas, In 1978, The Federal Communications Commission made a policy decision to stop licensing low power radio stations. This decision was based on concerns that low power stations were a hindrance to the orderly development of FM radio and a potential impediment to the efficient operation of facilities serving greater numbers of people; and

Whereas, In recent years, the rate of consolidation in the radio broadcast market has increased. As a result, far fewer locally based radio stations have programming that serves their communities. These concerns have prompted many people to promote a change in FCC policies. A petition of rulemaking, which proposes the reestablishment of low power FM broadcast services, is currently under consideration; and

Whereas, Allowing low power FM radio to return to the airways will achieve several worthwhile goals in communications options open to people in our country. These community radio services will increase the local presence in the media, increase diversity of ownership, provide more choices to the public, offer new opportunities in business, and promote communications that better reflect the character and needs of our communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

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Subject: MI House of Reps Resolution (HR379) IN FAVOR OF LPFM!!!!!!!!!!

For those who've been waiting for me to find out if it flew...

*****HERE IT IS!!!!***** YEAAAAAAAAA!

For everyone else, please read below. oh, I'm so excited I can hardly type
So I'll just leave ya with a BIG PTRB!!

Mj/Detroit

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